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Dear Examiner Marschel:

In accordance with MPEP § 2001.06(c), Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the existence of Civil Action No. 99 CIV 4548, a patent infringement action brought by Enzo Biochem, Inc. against Gen-Probe Incorporated *et al.* in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The patent asserted in this infringement action is U.S. Patent No. 4,900,659 ("the '659 patent"), a patent which issued to Enzo Biochem and includes claims directed to the detection of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in a test sample. The Gen-Probe products alleged to infringe the '659 patent by Enzo Biochem include oligonucleotides covered by one or more claims of the above-captioned application. A copy of the '659 patent and references produced by the parties to this litigation are listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08 (two copies) and are enclosed herewith for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-captioned application.

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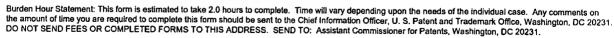
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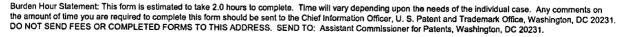
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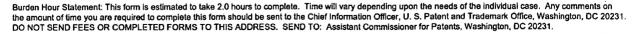
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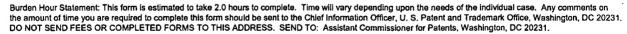
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